same position has not been restored and by when it is likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) Delhi Administration has reported that since September, 1983, the ration scale for sugar in Delhi has been 800 gram per head per month. During the period February, 1978—September, 1983, the scale was variously 1 kg., 950 gram and 900 gram per head per month. The issue scale is determined with reference to the number of card units vis-a-vis availability.

Ordnance Factory in Bihar

1525. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

a) whether it is a fact that the experts Committee on Defence Industry had recommended establishment of ordnance factory in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not setting up the Factory till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) In March, 1986, a Committee was constituted to examine and recommend location for setting up of a new Ordnance Factory for manufacture of propellants. The Committee recommended a number of sites including Markacho in Hazaribagh district in Bihar.

(b) Government have since decided to obtain the required quantity of propellants from the existing Ordnance factories and the civil sector and the proposal to set up a new ordnance factory has been dropped.

Cement plant at Darlaghat in H.P.

1526. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rs. 270 crore cement plant is going to be set up in Darlaghat wild life sanctuary area of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than 2000 Bighas of land are being denotified from the sanctuary area for this plant;

(c) whether it is a fact that cement plants are the most polluting industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) M/s. Gujarat Ambuja Cements Limited are setting up a cement plant of one million tonne capacity per annum at Darlaghat, Tehsil Arki, District Solan in Himachal Pradesh, for which a Letter of Intent was issued to the company on 13-7-1990 by Government of India.

(b) It has been reported that the State Government of Himachal Pradesh vide their Notification dated 1-6-1991 have denotified the Darlaghat Wild Life Sanctuary.

(c) and (d) Pollution from cement plants is due to dust emissions arising out of crushing and grinding of raw materials such a limestone. The dust emission is also due to klin gases. Cement plants are required to instal appropriate equipments and implement the prescribes measures for the prevention and control of pollution to the satisfaction of the State Government concerned and the State Pollution Control Board.

Retired Defence Personnel joining Political Parties

1527. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many retired Defence personnel